

THE BIG FESTIVAL.

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The retail clerks will meet this morning at 10 o'clock.

There will be a masquerade ball at Newman's park this evening.

The Order of Red Men will likely give a masquerade ball during festival week.

Chief of Police Rauch will leave tomorrow on his trip to Germany after Gen. C. Howard, wanted here for embezzlement.

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The Knights of the Old Guard enjoyed a very sumptuous spread on Thanksgiving Day.

Captain and Mrs. Cumble of the Salvation Army ask help for a family of seven little children who are absolutely without sustenance.

Christiania Hoehe died at St. Joseph's infirmary yesterday and will be buried this afternoon.

There are undelivered telegrams at the Western Union Telegraph company's office for E. B. McDuffie, Press Cloth Factory, Wm. E. Metzger, Mrs. F. L. Judd and Refugio Pas.

A letter received from Savannah, Ga., states that Dr. Daniels, who has been compiling statistics for the hospital, commences that these statistics show the First Texas regiment to be the healthiest regiment in the Seventh army corps, and company C, Emmet Rifles, to be the most healthy company in this regiment.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hartung announce the marriage of their daughter, Louise, daughter of Wm. H. Taylor at the First Presbyterian church Wednesday evening, November 30, at 8 p. m. No cards.

Mr. Byron McKee received a telegram yesterday evening announcing the death of his brother, Mr. Robert Sims McKee of Waco, Texas, who was the oldest son of the late Colonel A. C. McKee of Galveston. His mother and brother survive him and have the sympathy of a host of friends.

W. B. Phillip will preach in Brunner today at 11 a. m. The church do not desire a minister is asked to be present, as some business of importance is to be arranged. He will also preach at 7:30 p. m. sharp at Riverside. Services will close at 8:30 p. m. All interested in the Christmas tree for the Sunday school will be present.

The grant Channabah had given by the Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent society has been postponed from December 13 to Wednesday, December 28, 1898, owing to the death of Mr. H. Fox, president of Temple Beth Israel.

Friday evening the blacksmiths and horseshoers of the city assembled in the club room of the Lawlor, where they listened to a lecture on "Unity and the Benediction" by Rev. Mr. Wm. J. Kelly of Chicago, ex-vice president of the Master Horsemen's association. Mr. J. C. Hogan of Omaha, Neb., also made a short address.

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